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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 123

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SUBJECT: Legislative study commissions and committees.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes a fixed number of specified legislative study committees. It requires a legislative study to be assigned to one of the legislative study committees.

A legislative study committee consists of 12 members, six appointed from each house of the General Assembly and equally divided between the political parties. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each appoint two additional members to a study committee. The members of a legislative study committee are required to be appointed from the standing committee of each house that has subject matter jurisdiction of the subject matter of the study.

This bill provides general procedures for the operation of a legislative study committee. The study committee structure expires January 1, 2002. It specifies the following: (1) The chairman and vice chairman of the Legislative Council each appoint an equal number of chairs and vice chairs of interim study committees each year. (2) The policies of the Legislative Council that govern when a committee may meet. (3) A majority of the appointed members of a study committee is needed to establish a quorum and to take final action.

This bill repeals existing statutory study committees except for the Regulatory Flexibility Committee and the Environmental Quality Service Council. It extends the expiration date of the Environmental Quality Service Council from December 31, 2000 to December 31, 2003.

Effective Date: Upon passage; January 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill establishes 19 permanent legislative study committees and repeals 31 statutory committees. The following committees are established: (1) Agricultural and Rural Issues; (2) Children, Families and Human Affairs; (3) Commerce and Economic Development; (4) Courts and Criminal Code; (5) Education; (6) Elections; (7) Financial Institutions; (8) Government Organization and Planning; (9) Health; (10) Insurance; (11) Judiciary and Civil Law; (12) Labor; (13)

Natural Resources; (14) Pensions; (15) Public Policy; (16) Public Safety; (17) Roads and Transportation; (18) State and Local Government Affairs; and (19) Tax and Finance.

A legislative study committee consists of 12 members, six appointed from each house of the General Assembly and equally divided between the political parties. With the consent of the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative Council, the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each appoint two additional members to a study committee. The Legislative Services Agency reviewed statutory and interim study committee/commission information for 1997. Based upon this information, in 1997, the average number of committee appointments for each Senate member was 9 and the average number of committee appointments for each House member was 6. Under the provisions of this bill, the average number of committee appointments for each Senate member will be 2 and for each House member 1. This average would increase if the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint two additional members to a study committee.

Members of the committees are entitled to per diem and mileage reimbursement. The Legislative Services Agency will provide staff support for these committees. The study committees would be funded from the Legislative Council budget appropriation. Committee expenditures depend on the number of meetings held during the interim. In CY 1998 \$299,500 was budgeted and \$120,782 was actually spent for statutory and interim study committees and commissions.

The following committees, commissions, and programs are repealed: (1) Commission on Interstate Cooperation; (2) Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy; (3) Natural Resources Study Committee; (4) Pension Management Oversight Commission; (5) Probate Code Study Commission; (6) Water Resources Study Committee; (7) Administrative Rules Oversight Committee; (8) Census Data Advisory Committee; (9) Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs; (10) Health Finance Commission; (11) Public Finance Study Commission; (12) Indiana Commission on Autism; (13) State Fair Advisory Committee; (14) Commission on Courts; (15) Child Custody and Support Advisory Committee; (16) Commission on Mental Health; (17) Central State Advisory Committee; (18) Commission Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities; (19) Managed Care Study; (20) Local Government Finance Study Commission; (21) Code Revision Commission; (22) Legislative Evaluation and Oversight Policy (currently includes the Agricultural Matters Evaluation Committee, the Family and Social Services Evaluation Committee, and the Human Resources/Economic Security Matters Evaluation Committee); (23) Property Tax Study Committee; (24) Indiana Lakes Work Group; (25) Rail Corridor Safety Committee; (26) Northwest Indiana Commuter Rail and Transportation Study Committee; (27) Mutual Insurance Study Committee; (28) Workforce Development Study Committee; (29) County Government Study Commission; (30) Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight; and (31) Probation Services Study Committee.

This bill extends the expiration date of the Environmental Quality Service Council (EQSC) from December 31, 2000 to December 31, 2003. The EQSC met 6 times in 1998 and there were several workgroup meetings. The total expenditures for the EQSC in 1998 was \$9,144.52.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Legislative Services Agency.